

## REMARKS

Claims 49-69 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to insert the word “additive” on line 2, which was inadvertently left out of the last version. Claim 30 has been amended to correct a grammatical error in using the word “results.” Claim 36 has been amended to correct a typographical error in using the word “trifluoroethylene.” The correct word appears on page 10, last line and in claim 30.

### Objection to Claim 28

Applicant's attorney regrets the previous presentation of claim 28 as a "clean copy" although a strikethrough of the word “from” was present. This strikethrough does not appear in the version of claim 28 provided herewith.

### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

Claims 49-68 have been cancelled above. Claim 70 was cancelled in a response dated December 30, 2002 (paper 23). Claim 71 is the only claim rejected in view of Wu, et. al., U.S. Patent No. 5,346,954, or Dunkel, U.S. Patent No. 4,659,767, optionally in view of Aoyama, et. al.

Claim 71 defines a thermoplastic polymer composition containing a core/shell impact additive wherein the core is a nucleus with a covering composed of a copolymer of diallyl maleate. A shell is grafted onto this core. Although the references disclose the use of diallyl maleate within the core, there is no hint or suggestion of forming a core which is nucleus with a covering which is a copolymer of diallyl maleate. Therefore, the compositions of claim 71 are not obvious in view of these references and should be included in the allowed claims.

### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C §102(b)

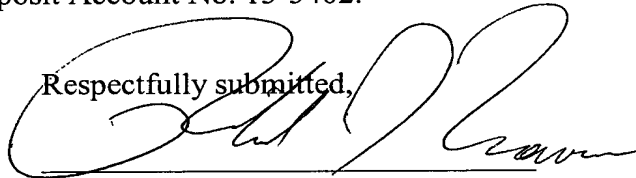
Claim 69 has been cancelled such that only claim 72 stands rejected as allegedly anticipated by or, in the alternative, obvious in view of Wang, U.S. Patent No. 5,045,595. Wang discloses the use of diallyl maleate as a grafting agent but does not disclose the preparation of core shell impact modifiers having a covering for the core comprised of n-alkyl

acrylate and a grafting agent such as diallyl maleate. Therefore, claim 72 should be included with the allowed claims.

Based on the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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